

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 50, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

As a result, no positive clone was obtained. As described in Example 4, one reason why the [[cNDA]] cDNA clone couldn't be isolated might be that the expressed copy numbers of the target gene was too small. To isolate the target gene, it is favorable to perform plaque hybridization using a lambda phage cDNA library derived from human fetal skeletal muscle, which showed the highest expression level of the gene by RT-PCR analysis.